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Date: December 23, 2003.

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Transmitted herewith for filing is the patent application of:

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For: SPLIT TYPE CONNECTING ROD

☐ Applicant(s) claim(s) benefit under 35 U.S.C. § 119(e) of United States provisional application No. \_\_\_\_\_ filed \_\_\_\_\_

Enclosed are:

- 24 Pages of Specification  
5 Sheet(s) of drawings (☒ formal ☐ informal)  
☐ Declaration and Power of Attorney ☒ Will follow.  
☐ Form PTO-1595 and an Assignment of the invention YAMAHA HATSUDOKI KABUSHIKI KAISHA, 2500 Shingai, Iwata-shi, Shizuoka-ken, 438-8501 JAPAN ☒ Will follow  
☒ A certified copy of Japanese Patent Appln. Nos. 2002-378020 filed on December 26, 2002 and 2003-315615 filed September 8, 2003, from which priority is claimed in the subject case pursuant to Rule 55b and 35 U.S.C. 119. ☐ Will follow  
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